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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 September 2002.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

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1. Claims 1-9 are presented for examination.
2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. § 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 37 1(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

3. Claims 1-6 and 8-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by **Perkowski** patent no. **6,064,979**.

4. As to claim 1, Perkowski teaches the invention as claimed, including a visual indicia for facilitating computer based access of a network by consumer, comprising:

a machine readable code disposed on a surface having encoded therein information as to a product or a surface, which machine readable code has no routing information contained therein to allow a user to access any location on a network (col. 10 lines 14-33; UPC or UPN has no routing information); and

a visual indicia disposed on said surface in proximity to said machine readable code (Perkowski, col. 4 lines 5-23; col. 20 line 9-14; col. 21 lines 52-62; trademark and bar code are printed on products) and indicative of a relationship between said machine readable code and the presence of a location (Perkowski, URL) on a network and that such location on the network can be accessed by a computer having an

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appropriate input device (Perkowski, bar code reader or scanner) for reading said machine readable code, such that reading of said machine readable code by said input device will connect the computer to the location (col. 10 line 14 – col. 11 line 16; col. 15 lines 9-43).

5. As to claims 2-6, Perkowski teaches said visual indicia is not machine readable, aid machine readable code represents a product, machine readable code is disposed on a product, machine readable code is closed association with said product, and machine readable code is a UPN (col. 4 lines 14-22; col. 12 line 65 – col. 13 line 9).

6. As to claim 8, Perkowski teaches said machine readable code is an EAN (col. 6 lines 26-46; EPC reads on EAN which is European Article Numbering).

7. As to claim 9, Perkowski teaches said machine readable device is a scanner (col. 19 lines 38-40).

8. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

9. Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over **Perkowski patent no. 6,064,979**.

10. As to claim 7, Perkowski teaches the invention substantially as claimed as discussed above; however, Perkowski does not explicitly teach said machine readable code is an ISBN.

Official Notice is taken that ISBN is well known.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the Data Processing art at the time of the invention to combine the well known teaching with Perskowski's system to use ISBN as one of machine readable code because it would allow user to get more information related to a publication.

11. In the remarks, applicant argued in substance that

(A) Prior art does not teach "a machine readable code ... which ... has no routing information contained therein ..."

As to point (A), Perkowski teaches UPC or UPN symbol printed on products or service-related brochures respectively has no routing information (col. 10 lines 14-33).

(B) Prior art does not teach a visual indicia disposed on said surface [which indicates] a relationship between said machine readable code and the presence of a location on a network.

As to point (B), Perkowski teaches trademark (visual indicia) and bar code (machine readable code) information printed on products where the trademark information indicate a relationship between the bar code and URL network address of a company (Perkowski, col. 4 lines 5-23; col. 10 line 14 – col. 11 line16; col. 15 lines 9-43; col. 20 line 9-14; col. 21 lines 52-62).

12. Applicant's arguments filed on 09/17/2002 have been fully considered but they are not deemed to be persuasive.

13. THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE TO THIS FINAL ACTION IS SET TO EXPIRE THREE MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS ACTION. IN THE EVENT A FIRST RESPONSE IS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE MAILING DATE OF THIS FINAL ACTION AND THE ADVISORY ACTION IS NOT MAILED UNTIL AFTER THE END OF THE THREE-MONTH SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD, THEN THE SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD WILL EXPIRE ON THE DATE THE ADVISORY ACTION IS MAILED, AND ANY EXTENSION FEE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) WILL BE CALCULATED FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THE ADVISORY ACTION. IN NO EVENT WILL THE STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE EXPIRE LATER THAN SIX MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS FINAL ACTION.

14. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Le H. Luu, whose telephone number is (703) 305-9650. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday from 7:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark Rinehart, can be reached at (703) 305-4815. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 746-7240.

Any inquiry of a general nature of relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-9600.

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